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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/699,196	HRONEK, BRIAN ROBERT	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Steven Wong	3711	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 June 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

***Claim Objections***

1. Applicant is advised that should claims 7-11 be found allowable, claims 12-16 will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Further, it is noted that claims 7 and 12 are duplicate claims of claim 2.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. Claims 1 and 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Klimpert (5,735,521) in view of Spector (4,243,224). Attention is directed to the basis for the rejections set forth in the Office Action mailed March 28, 2005.

4. Claims 2, 3 and 7-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Klimpert (5,735,521) in view of Spector (4,687,203) and Breslow (3,627,325).

***Response to Arguments***

5. Applicant's arguments filed June 28, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The applicant argues that the reference to Klimpert teaches away from the teachings of Spector and Breslow. However, this argument is not persuasive as all three references are directed to games or puzzles with indicia that the user be directed to manipulate. Further, the references are all directed to including structure for enhancing the sensory perception of the user. It is noted that the reference to Breslow is merely relied upon for its teaching that it is well

known in the art of scented layer games to corrugate the surface in order to more effectively store and release the captured aroma. The references to Klimpert and Spector both teach puzzles wherein the user is prompted to correctly arrange the puzzle pieces. Further, both references include sensory structure for assisting the user in placing the pieces in their correct arrangement. Klimpert provides a jigsaw puzzle construction including flocked material for providing the user with sensory stimulation for assisting in the correct piece placement. Spector provides a puzzle including scratch and sniff structure for providing the user with sensory stimulation for assisting in the correct piece placement. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the scented layer as taught by Spector on a jigsaw puzzle in order to further enhance the sensory stimulation of the user by providing olfactory stimulation.

Regarding the applicant's argument that the puzzle of Klimpert would be incapable of receiving the recited corrugated surface, attention is drawn to Figure 2 of Klimpert. Here, Klimpert shows that the flocked material is selectively applied to the surface of the puzzle and not across the entire surface. Thus, the surface of the puzzle pieces are Klimpert would be obviously capable of supporting the corrugated surface as taught by the combination of Spector and Breslow.

6. In response to applicant's argument that surface of Spector cannot be incorporated into the puzzle of Klimpert, the test for obviousness is not whether the features of a secondary reference may be bodily incorporated into the structure of the primary reference; nor is it that the claimed invention must be expressly suggested in any one or all of the references. Rather, the test is what the combined teachings of the references would have suggested to those of ordinary skill in the art. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981).

***Conclusion***

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

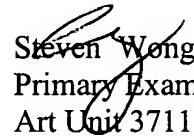
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven Wong whose telephone number is 571-272-4416. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Wednesday 7am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Greg Vidovich can be reached on 571-272-4415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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